

December 23, 2019

Mr. Wayne Nastri, *Wayne*  
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Dear Mr. Nastri,

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) recently concluded its review of South Coast Air Quality Management District's (District) implementation of State-sponsored incentive programs, including the Carl Moyer Program, the Lower Emission School Bus Program (School Bus Program), the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), and the Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (Goods Movement Program). The scope of this program review included grants made in fiscal years 2008-09 through 2014-15. In addition to this review, a fiscal compliance audit (Fiscal audit) of these programs was conducted by the State Controller's Office (SCO) except for the Goods Movement Program.

During this review period, the District administered over \$500 million in State grants and matching funds for Los Angeles County, Orange County, Riverside County, and a portion of San Bernardino County, reducing emissions through the purchase of:

- 4,442 diesel engine (on-road vehicles and off-road equipment) replacements and retrofits, 64 infrastructure projects and 22,048 new zero-emission lawn mowers through the Carl Moyer Program.
- 470 new school buses, 467 retrofits of diesel school buses through the School Bus Program.
- 3,614 diesel truck replacements, 386 diesel retrofits and 26 infrastructure projects through the Goods Movement Program.
- 3 Technology Demonstration Projects and 5,629 new zero-emission lawn mowers through AQIP.

CARB's program review report is enclosed. Our review confirms that the District's incentives programs are efficiently and effectively achieving their emission reduction objectives. The review team reports no findings of District practices that are inconsistent with statute or program guidelines. For the Carl Moyer Program and School Bus Program the report offers two recommendations, which have been discussed with your staff. One relates to program documentation and database

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updates, and the other relates to the review of the Grant Award and Authorization Agreement. I am pleased that the District has already begun to address these recommendations.


The report commends the District for its efforts to maintain documentation beyond the required records retention for AQIP Grant Agreements, as well for its quick and diligent response to requests for additional information and clarification. The report further highlights the important work the District has contributed to our shared goal of successfully funding a large number of emission reduction projects within the four Southern California Counties to bring clean and healthy air to the public.

Under established program review guidelines, the District has 30 days from the date of this cover letter to submit a formal response, if desired, to the enclosed Program Review Report. Thereafter, CARB will post the report and any District response on CARB's website. We will also post SCO's final Fiscal compliance report dated November 26, 2019 on CARB's website.

I want to thank you and your staff for working with CARB staff through the course of this review. The District's incentive programs contribute significant and vital air quality improvements to the South Coast Air Basin, and provide opportunity to numerous grantees within the basin to cost-effectively reduce public exposure to harmful emissions.

If you have any questions about the report, please contact Mr. Scott Rowland, Branch Chief, at (626) 350-6518 or email at [Scott.Rowland@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Scott.Rowland@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Program Review Final Report

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